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Previous references. 1924-25 (800) File No. 23-24
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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Seven (7).

Part B for Oct 1924.

SUBJECT

Levy of excess charges from Mr. C. S. Rama Rao, Medical practitioner, Chickpet, Bangalore city, by the Electrical Department.

Sl 7. To the Chief Electrical Engineer, Mysore Bangalore
No. 22644/— 27-10-1924.
observes that, under the rule regarding re-connection, the liability to pay a fee for reconnection arises only in case disconnection has been effected and then a reconnection given, and states that, as this is not the case in the present instance, the fee, if it has already been collected, may be refunded. —

Sl 8 To Mr. C. Seshachar. B.Sc., LL.B., Advocate, 18. 4th main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore city
No. 22646/— 27-10-1924.
states that necessary instructions have been issued to Chief Electrical Engineer to refund Rs 2/- levied from

D. 800. 22-10-24 } V/S

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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Letter dated the 16th Aug. 1924
from Mr C. Seshachar B.Sc. L.L.B.
Advocate on behalf
of Mr C.S. Rama Rao
Medical practitioner,
Chickpet Bangalore

States that the Superintendent
B.P.L. has collected Rs 2
in excess illegally from his
client in respect of
electric light installations
Nos A. 1164 & A. 1167 & requests
that he may be ordered to
refund the amounts or that
Such against him shall
be filed.

1) Subd. for perusal and orders.

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2) The Electric Dept
may please call
for the facts,
the case for the
impugned act.

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3) Yes

4) Draft Subd.

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5) May a copy also be sent to the

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In connection with the disconnection of installation Nos R & NO 11164 + A 1167 please state (1) on what date the disconnection was made (2) When was the cheque received

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To the Supt G.M. for D/S

From the Supt Bpm Bloom

In connection with your D. NM 8/ yesterday's enquiry in connection with NM A 1164 + 1167 the installations were not actually disconnected as cheque was received on 16th May 44. Since the cheque was received disconnection on 22nd May 44.

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The party was duly notified of the Board's decision on receipt of cheque

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Routine Notes.

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V.S.P.S.

From Supt. Gen. Branch

To Supt. B. D. L.

Please refer ~~this memo~~ telephone message from Mr. Cohen re [illegible] A 1114 #16) - Please state ~~how~~ the rules re disconnecting and reconnecting fees.

Received [illegible] Apl 4/14

Answered [illegible]

- 15/4/14

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10) Submitted.

11) A telephone message to the Supdt. B.P.L. brought the following reply.

"In connection with your T.M of yesterday's evening in connection with RR A 1164 & 1167, the installations were not actually disconnected as cheque was received on 16th may '24. Since this cheque was received dishonored on 21st may '24, the party was intimated of the same and cash received on 22nd may '24. The fee was claimed as the party avoided disconnection by presenting a cheque that could not be cashed."

Sd/ 10/9/24 for 10/9.

Returned after submn: with instructions

12) A draft Calling for Certain ~~as instructed~~ information as instructed is put up for approval.

Sd/ 10/9/24. for 10/9.

13) Issue — Ascertain on telephone what the rule is re the disconnection & reconnection fee & note party accordingly

T. M Sent Sd/ 10/9 3:30 pm.

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4) Communicated with the Rules sent by the Supdt Tel. — in reply to the Telephone message.

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In this case the Department is clear in the wrong. The rule provides for the charge for the disconnection being made when the disconnection effected and a reconnection is made thereafter.

In this case there was no disconnection and no reconnection. Hence the fee for installation was not charged rightly.

I suggest that the Rule may be amended [illegible]

[illegible]

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I do agree. The rule is clear on the point of the liability arises only in the case of disconnecting & reconnecting which is not the case — Hence refund is obviously due

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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From
The Chief Electrical Engineer
Letter No 2058 dated 20th
Sept 1924.

Forwards a copy of letter No
788 dated 15th Sept. 24 from the
Supdt: B. P. L. in connection
with the alleged excess charges
collected by the C. S. Ramakrishna
Medical practitioner Chickpet
Bangalore city

22) The main file in the subject
has been submitted to the
L.S.G. Secretary. This may also
be submitted in Continuation.
22) Originally
188 22/9 be expected
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24) The main file has come back
with the opinion of the L.S.G. Secretary.
(vide para 21 supra) & is submitted
with reference to para 13 supra
188 25) Aft ordering refund
25/9 25/9 of fee if collected
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26) Draft Subdi accordingly
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N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied; or slips pasted on this form.

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FOREIGN NOTES.

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Note.—Should room be required for additional slips, the notes must be copied on slips passed on this form.

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C. SHESHACHAR, B. Sc., LL. B.,
ADVOCATE.

18, 4TH MAIN ROAD,
CHAMARAJPET, BANGALORE CITY.

11th August 192

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To,

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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18. AUG. 1924
Secretariat

Sir,

I am instructed by my client Mr. C. S. Rama Rao, Medical Practitioner, Chikpet, Bangalore City to write to you as follows :-

That in connection with electric light installations Nos. A.1164 and A.1167, my client sent a cheque on the Bangalore Bank Ltd., for the charges for the month of May 1924 in June 1924; that as he learnt the cheque was not cashed he immediately deposited cash towards those charges; that in the bill for the next month one ruppe extra was charged for each of the 2 installations Viz., A.1164 and A.1167, i.e., Rs.2/- in all; that the same was not paid that month as the same was illegal and exorbitant; that the amount was shown as arrears in the bill for next month; that the same was paid under protest to avoid further inconveniences as nothing came out of the oral representations, that on written representations the office refused to adjust the above sum of Rs.2/- towards the lighting charges for the next month with respect to the above connections, and that my client had to pay Re.1/- to the gentleman concerned with A.1164.

I am instructed to point out that the action of the Superintendent, Bangalore, Power and Lighting, your duly authorised agent, in charging -

Rs.2/-

Rs.2/- extra is altogether illegal and you are not entitled to it. The amount is otherwise very exorbitant. Since the amount has been paid under protest, I am instructed to request you to direct the - Superintendent, Bangalore Power and Lighting either to arrange to - adjust the amount in the next month's bill or arrange to refund the same to my client without delay.

Please also take notice that if the above sum is not refunded - as above mentioned, my client will be put to the unpleasant necessity of filing a suit against Government and the Electric Department for recovering the above sum with interest at 12 per cent after 2 months from the date of receipt of this notice by you. The Government will also be held responsible for costs etc.

Trusting that you will not give room for such unpleasantness,

I remain

Yours faithfully,

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Diary No. of letter replied to .....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 20.8.24

Signed by Mr. M.V.J.

Section S.M.

File No. 23 — 24

Serial No. 2

No. G 1349/Cel 1

To

The Chief Electrical Engineer
in Mysore
Bangalore.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith ~~the original~~ Copy of a notice received from Mr C Seshachar B. Sc. L-L-B. Advocate on behalf of Mr C.S. Rama Rao, Medical Practitioner, Chickpet, Bangalore City in the matter of the alleged excess collection of Rs 2 from him on account of electric light consumption No A 1164 & A. 1167 I beg to request you to

over.

to do so would be to state for the information of parties the facts of the case.

If any such reply is requisitioned - please to

for Chief Secretary to Govt.

Copy to the Secy P.W.D.

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for Secy

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IN REPLY REFER TO No. 1700
ENCLO 1 Note.
1 Copy of letter.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.
ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER,
Bangalore 5/9/24 192 .
(MYSORE INDIA.)

Telegraphic Address :
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Gm 1197
Dy. No. 23-24-4.

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

RECEIVED 6 SEP. 1924 GOVT. OF MYSORE

Dy. 4.m

Sir,

DISHONOURED CHEQUES.

With reference to your letter No.G.1349 of the 20th. August 1924, I have the honour to forward herewith a - brief statement of the facts of the case in connection with the lighting installations of Mr.C.S.Rama Rao, Medical Practitioner, Chickpet, Bangalore City, and another, in the matter of excess collection of Rs.2/- on account of disconnection and reconnection charges; The statement is self-explanatory and gives no cause for grievance on the part of the Consumer.

The instructions given to the Superintendents at Bangalore and Mysore are, that, in the case of the consumers who pay their monthly bills by cheques, a - warning should be given for the first time that such cheques are dis-honoured and if there be a repetition of their making payments by cheques which are subsequently dis-honoured, the usual procedure of disconnection for non-payment before the 15th. of the month should be enforced. The case falls under this rule and Mr. C. S. Rama Rao who once paid a cheque which was dis-honoured, was already warned in B.P.L.Superintendent's letter No.2960 of the 27th. August 1923, copy enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Electrical Engineer.

BR-MSSV.

STATEMENT OF FACTS OF THE CASE OF THE INSTALLATIONS OF MR.C.S.RAMA RAO, &C.

The Department is entitled to be paid for the service rendered in supplying energy, in advance, by the 15th. of every month. Thus a consumer is given nearly 20 days' time from the last meter reading date, for arranging remittance of the lighting bill.

The cheque receiving system, though limited in Government Departments, is being freely followed in this Department, to facilitate ~~xx~~ consumers to arrange for their remittance in time. The receipt of a cheque, though considered as Cash, is not actually cash unless the Bank honours the same and - cash realized.

In default of non-receipt of cash by the 15th., this Department reserves the right to disconnect electric service after that date and charge Re.1/- for re-connection after all the dues are paid by the consumer. In this case, Mr.C. S. Rama Rao, who should have remitted cash or cheque in time to realise cash, sent a cheque for Rs.12-12-0 on 16-5-24 including therein payments for two installations, i.e. R.R.Nos. A-1164 and A-1167. The cheque was returned by the bank dishonoured on 21-5-24 and thus the cash, that should have been in the office before the disconnection time, was not actually realised till 23-5-24. But for this issue of a cheque (without providing the necessary credit in the Bank), the two installations covered by Mr.C.S.Rama Rao's cheque, would have been disconnected in the usual course and a re-connection fee charged for each installation at Re.1/- as the consumer of - each installation is considered as a separate entity. In a previous instance of the kind, the same Mr.Rama Rao was informed that his cheque would not in future be accepted in this office, vide B.P.L.Superintendent's letter No.2960 of 27-8-23, copy herewith attached. In spite of this, to send again a cheque just on the 16th. of a month, without providing funds

in the bank, appears to be a clear and deliberate attempt on the part of the consumer to evade disconnection and thereby postpone payment of cash at his own leisure. Such a procedure, if it is not checked in time, will spread abroad and most of the consumers, who happen to figure in the disconnection lists, may, as well, take to this method of sending a cheque on the last date, to avoid disconnection and quietly pay cash when the Department intimates dishonour of their cheques.

It has also to be noted that this Department is responsible for collection of a large amount of revenue and all its endeavours for the speedy and systematic collection of the same have to be made. What has been followed justly and reasonably with regard to other cases of dis-honoured cheques, has been applied to this particular instance also, and there does not appear to be any cause for grievance on the part of the consumer.

BR-MSSV. Chief Electrical Engineer.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER,

Bangalore.....*192* .

(MYSORE INDIA.)

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Letter No.MT/2960 dated 27th.August 1924, from The Superintendent, Power and Lighting, Bangalore, to C. S. Rama Rao, Esq., 250, Kasi Visveswara Temple Street, Chickpet, Bangalore City.

Your cheque No.F.98031 dated 15th. August 1923, for Rs.11-4-0 has been returned by the Bank uncashed. Please arrange to remit the value thereof in cash by 11 A.M. tomorrow, the 28th. instant, failing which, your installation will be disconnected without further notice. Please also note that we cannot accept your cheques in future, as intimated by the State Huzur Treasury Officer.

Sd.- S. B. Iyengar,

Superintendent,
Bangalore Power & Lighting.

" C o p y "

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Chief Electrical Engr.

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previously informed that
his cheque could not be
accepted in future.

(ii) ~~Are there~~ any prohibited What is the provision of the
Rules on the subject of ~~recovery~~ Rules authorising the Dept to
Charges ~~excess of~~ disconnection
and reconnection fees ~~when~~ effected when no disconnection has been
~~a such party avoids disconnection~~
~~by presenting a cheq~~
~~Cannot be cashed~~

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for Chief Secy to Govt

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ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT,
BANGALORE POWER AND LIGHTING,
BANGALORE,

Dated, ~~10th Sept~~ *192* 4.

IN REPLY REFER TO No. 969 Encls.

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T he Superintendent,
G.M.Branch, G.R.S.
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

A.1164 and A.1167.

We wish to confirm having telephoned to you today as follows:-

"In connection with your telephone of yesterday evening in connection with R.R.Nos.A.1164 and A.1167, the installations were not actually disconnected as cheque was received on the 16th May 1924. Since the cheque was received dishonored on the 21st May 1924, the party was intimated of the same and cash received on the 22nd May 1924. The fee was claimed as the party avoided disconnection by presenting a cheque that could not be cashed."

Yours Faithfully,

C. M. Cairns
10-9-24

Superintendent,
Bangalore Power & Lighting.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER,

Bangalore 21st September 24.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER,

Bangalore 20th September 1924.

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21 SEP 1924

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

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22-9-24.
M 13-24 6.

Dishonoured cheques.

In reply to your letter No.G-1932 dated 10th instant, I have the honour to enclose copy of a letter No.788 dated 17th instant received from the Superintendent, B.P.L., which is self-explanatory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Electrical Engineer.

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be cashed in the Bank and the levy of Re.1/- for each installation is made to avoid repetition. There is no

such specific provision in the rules for treating the accounts of the consumers whose cheques get dishonoured.

"Copy"

A.K.

Chief Electrical Engineer.

Two Drafts

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To

The Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 2058 dated the 20th September 1924 in the matter of the complaint of Mr. C.S. Rama Rao Medical Practitioner, Chikpet, Bangalore City that a sum of Rs. 2 extra has been charged in respect of -- electric light installations Nos. A 1164 and A. 1167 I am directed to observe that under the rule regarding re-connection (ie., Rule 9 of the Rules about the supply of electricity) the liability to pay a fee for re-connection arises only in ~~the~~ case disconnection has been effected and then a reconnection given. As this is not the case in the present instance I am to state that the fee if it has already been collected may be refunded.

I have etc.,

Fair draft) For Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Secretary P.W.D. in continuation of this office Memo No. G. 1350 dated 20th August 1924.

"By Order"

For Chief Secretary to Govt.

Two Drafts

To

C. Seshachar, Esq., B.Sc., L.L.B.
Advocate, 18, 4th Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore City.

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 11/16th August 1924 on behalf of your client Mr.C.S. Rama Rao, Medical Practitioner, Chikpet, Bangalore City in connection with electric light installations Nos. A. 1164 and A. 1167 I am directed to state that necessary instructions have been issued to the Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore to refund, if collected, the fee of Rs. 2 referred to in the letter under reply.

Yours faithfully,

Fair Draft

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Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore in continuation of this Office lette No. G.2644 dated 7.10.1924.

"By Order"

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For Chief Secretary to Govt.